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HELLBENT ON GETTING REVENGE ON THE TIME-TRAVELING MASTERMIND KANG, EIMIN AND HER TWIN BROTHER URIEL USED THOR'S ENCHANTED AXE TO FELL A CELESTIAL, DOOMING EARTH TO DESTRUCTION. MANIPULATING THE SCARLET WITCH INTO CARRYING OUT THEIR PLAN, THE PAIR RAPTURED MUTANTKIND TO A NEW HOMEWORLD—PLANET X. HOWEVER, THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE AVENGERS NEVER STOPPED TRYING TO RIGHT THEIR MISTAKES AND PREVENT EARTH'S DESTRUCTION. EVENTUALLY SUCCEEDING IN SUMMONING KANG AND SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS SUPERHUMANS GATHERED FROM ACROSS TIME TO AID THEM, THE AVENGERS ASSEMBLED ONCE MORE, PROJECTING THEIR CONSCIOUSNESSES INTO THE PAST, HOPING TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT THEY FAILED TO DO ORIGINALLY: STOP THE APOCALYPSE TWINS AND SAVE THE EARTH.

AVENGE THE EARTH PART FOUR

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The Past, a.k.a. Now.
MY ENTIRE LIFE I'VE BEEN HUNTED.
CHASED BY ONE MADMAN OR ANOTHER, A WEAPON TO BE USED TO SHAPE THE WORLD TO THEIR VISION.
IT HAS DEFINED MY LIFE GOING BACK TO MY FATHER, MAGNETO.
THEY ALL THINK I AM WEAK-MINDED. THAT I CAN BE EASILY MANIPULATED.
THE APOCALYPSE TWINS ARE NO DIFFERENT. ANOTHER SET OF MEGALOMANIACAL EGOTISTS.
THEY TELL ME THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE MUTANTS FROM THE RED ONSLAUGHT IS TO RAPTURE ALL OF MUTANTKIND INTO THIS ARK.
THESE TWINS THINK ME CONTROLLED, AS DID THE OTHERS BEFORE THEM.
AND, AS THE OTHERS BEFORE THEM--
--THEY WILL FEEL MY RAGE.
I JUST HOPE I GET TO BE AROUND TO SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES.
IT'S NOT MUCH TO ASK.
IF WE SUCCEED, SIMON, YOU WILL.
BUT IF THINGS GO WRONG...
IF SOME INNOCENT MUTANT I RAPTURE GETS HURT...
...THE MUTANTS WILL HATE ME MORE THAN THEY ALREADY DO.
ONLY THE WILLING WILL FIGHT.
AND WITH AN ARMY OF X-MEN FACING THE HEIRS OF APOCALYPSE--
--THERE'S GONNA BE PLENTY OF WILLING.
IT'S DANGEROUS, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY.
THIS WILL WORK. IT'S A GOOD PLAN, WANDA.
NO, IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD PLAN...

...ONLY IT TURNS TO CRAP.
EIMIN KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE UP TO.
WOLVERINE--?!

WHAT ARE YOU--
TWINS BEEN PLAYIN' US ALL, HOLLYWOOD.
MADE IT LOOK LIKE WANDA IS WORKIN' WITH 'EM.
SET THIS UP TO TURN US AGAINST EACH OTHER.

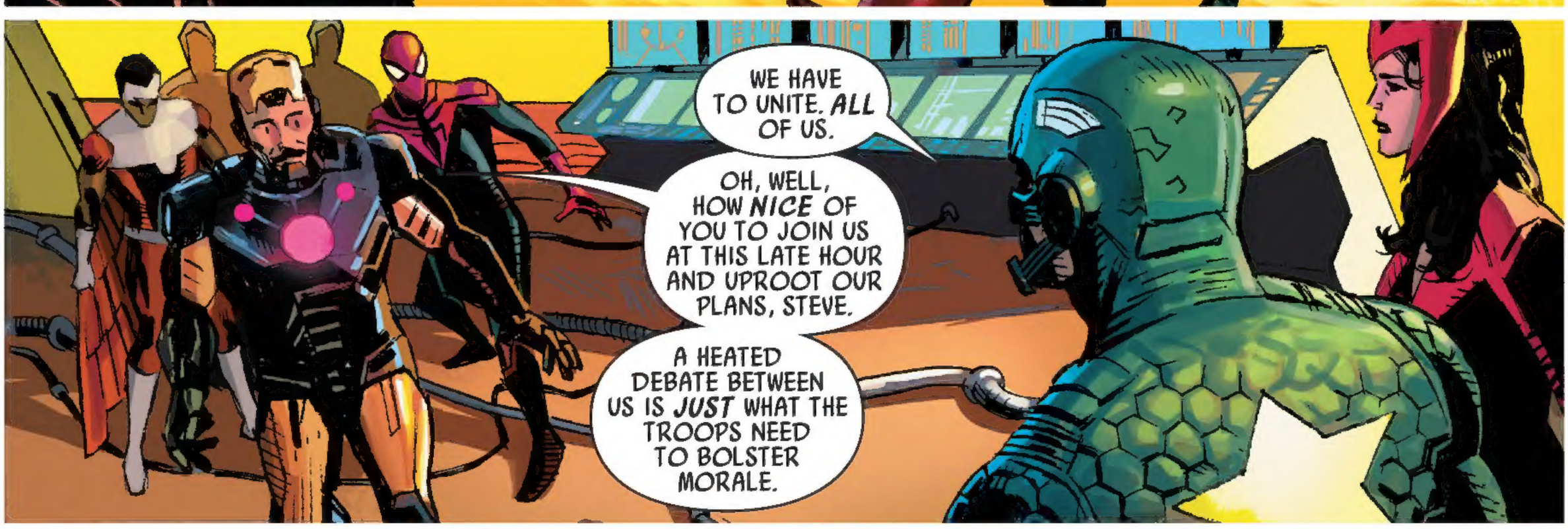
SO AN X-MAN WOULD THINK KILLIN' WANDA WAS THE ONLY OPTION.
WHAT X-MAN WOULD FALL FOR SUCH OBVIOUS MANIPULATION?
THAT'D BE ME.
I THOUGHT WANDA'D BEEN TAKEN OVER AGAIN...

...THOUGHT SHE WAS BEING USED TO WIPE OUT THE MUTANTS.
ALMOST LET MY ANGER WIN.
LIKE BEFORE CHARLES HELPED ME LEARN TO CONTROL IT.
I WAS SO MAD AT YOU. BLAMED YOU FOR M-DAY, BLAMED YOU FOR XAVIER'S DEATH...
...I ALMOST DID SOMETHING AWFUL.
LOGAN AND SHIRO WENT THROUGH HELL BECAUSE OF WHAT I WAS GONNA DO, BUT THEY CAME BACK TO CHANGE IT.
TO SEE THAT WE STOP THE MISTRUST--

--TO SEE THAT WE UNITE.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO STOP 'EM, SUGAH.
YOU WERE COMING TO... KILL ME?
ALL IN THE PAST. C'MON NOW, HUG IT OUT, SISTER.

"NOW, NORMALLY I'D PLAY THE JESTER A BIT TO RELIEVE TENSIONS..."
...BUT ANY ATTEMPT AT HUMOR--EVEN WITH A WIT AS DRY AND CHARMING AS MY OWN--WILL BE TRANSPARENT CODDLING GIVEN WHAT WE NOW FACE.
AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE ONLY REASON FOR THE CELESTIAL EXECUTIONER TO TAKE THIS DISAPPROVING STANCE--
HE MEANS TO DESTROY OUR WORLD, YOU WINDBAG.
YES, WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST--AND YOU, DOOM--ARE WORKING ON A WAY TO CREATE A BARRIER TO PROTECT EARTH FROM THE CELESTIAL.
DR. STRANGE IS GOING TO LEAD THE REST OF YOU UP TO THE CELESTIAL WHERE YOU'LL TRY AND CRACK ITS HULL, TELEPORT IT AWAY OR, MAYBE, REASON WITH IT.
PROBABLY NOT IN THAT ORDER.
AND PROBABLY WE'LL ALL DIE TRYING.
HATE TO RAIN ON THE SUNSHINE, GENTS--

--BUT CAPTAIN BRITAIN'S CHARMING PESSIMISM POWERS PROVE POSITIVE.
SHE'S RIGHT, TONY. YOUR PLAN'S NOT GOING TO WORK. YOU GO UP THERE AND YOU'LL ALL DIE.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE EARTH FROM THIS MONSTER...


WE HAVE TO UNITE. ALL OF US.
OH, WELL, HOW NICE OF YOU TO JOIN US AT THIS LATE HOUR AND UPROOT OUR PLANS, STEVE.
A HEATED DEBATE BETWEEN US IS JUST WHAT THE TROOPS NEED TO BOLSTER MORALE.

NO DEBATE. WE CAN STOP THIS THING, BUT ONLY IF EVERYONE DOES EXACTLY AS I SAY.
YES, WELL, THAT IS HOW THESE THINGS NORMALLY GO.
ANYTHING, CAP. WHAT'S THE CALL?
IT'S SIMPLE.

YA'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE YOUR POWERS OVER TO ME.

YOU TRUST THEM ENOUGH TO GIVE OVER... EVERYTHING?
ACCORDING TO WOLVERINE, IF WE DON'T, WE KILL EACH OTHER AND THE EARTH DIES.
ONE FOR THE ROAD.
YEAH, THAT WOLVERINE SEEMS PRETTY TRUSTWORTHY... YOU KNOW, FOR A MURDEROUS RAZOR CLAW GUY.
I LOVE YOU.
BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU THAT FOR YEARS.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S PUT THIS "UNITY" THING TO THE TEST.
I TRUST YOU, ANNA MARIE.
TAKE ALL I'VE GOT.
THANK YOU, SIMON.
OH, WOW-- I CAN SEE YOUR THOUGHTS--
I CAN SEE--
OKAY, SIMON'S IN, I CAN HEAR HIM RATTLIN' AROUND.
WHO'S NEXT?
WE'RE ALL OF US WITH YOU, ROGUE.
NO, CAP--

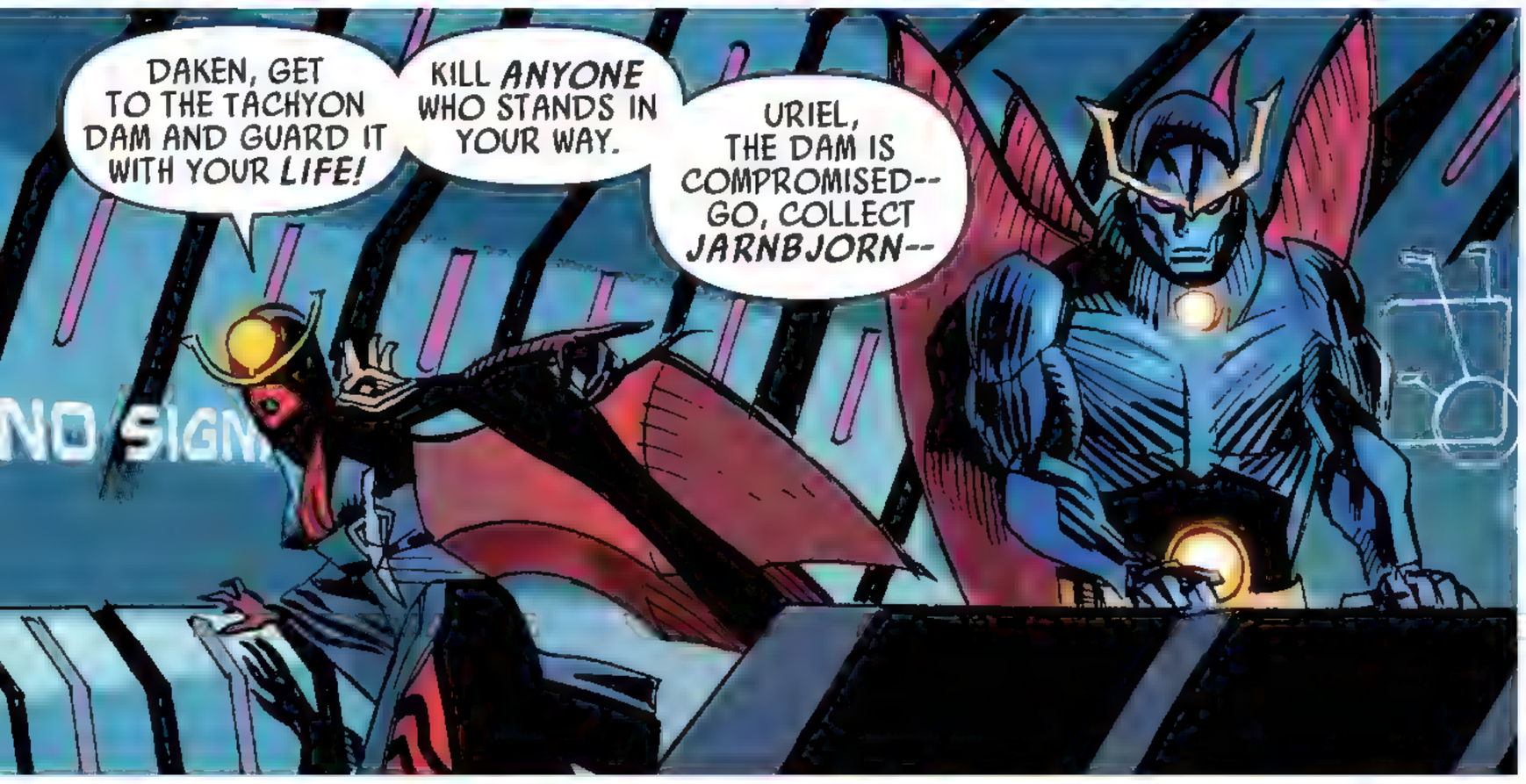
"--WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER."
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY'RE GONE?!
I MEAN, YOU KNOW-- THEY'RE GONE.
I WENT TO GO GET THE WITCH AND HER BEAU AND THEY WEREN'T IN THEIR CHAMBER.
THEY'RE NOT ON THE ARK ANYMORE. SPLITSVILLE-- NOT HERE.
THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE!
YOU TOLD ME YOU SAW HOW THIS HAPPENS, EIMIN!
THAT THEIR PETTY SQUABBLING ENSURES OUR VICTORY!
THEY'VE CHANGED THE TIMELINE, URIEL.
SOMEHOW... THEY'RE ATTEMPTING TO REWRITE EVENTS.
SOMEONE GOT THROUGH OUR TACHYON DAM--
SOMEONE?
SAY HIS NAME!
KANG! KANG GOT THROUGH!
HE'S PLAYING US FOR FOOLS--AS HE HAS OUR ENTIRE LIVES!
MY POOR BROTHER, YOU WET YOURSELF AT THE MERE MENTION OF HIS NAME.

GRIM REAPER, ARE YOU AT THE TACHYON DAM?
GUARDING IT AS ORDERED, YOUR TWIN WORSHIPS.
SOMETHING IS WRONG, SOMEONE IS HELPING THE AVENGERS AND I BELIEVE THEY WILL COME TO DESTROY THE DAM NEXT.

IF THEY'RE SENDING WASP, LIKE YOU SAY, WE GOT *NOTHIN'* TO WORRY ABOUT.
SHE'D HAVE TO KILL ME TO GET THROUGH ME--AN' WE ALL KNOW PRINCESS IDEOLOGY *AIN'T* GONNA DO *THAT*.

WELL, THEN I GUESS IT'S A SMART THING THEY SENT ME IN HER PLACE, BUB...

"...I AIN'T GOT NO SUCH COMPUNCTION."
...CONFIRMING REPORTS THE GIANT MAY BEGIN TO LOWER ITSELF TOWARDS EARTH.
THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE AVENGERS ARE WORKING ON A SOLUTION AND FOR PEOPLE TO STAY INDOORS AND STAY CALM.
GODDESS, PLEASE TELL ME WE HAVE A PLAN SHOULD THEY FAIL.
SENDING ANYONE UP THERE IS SIMPLY A SUICIDE MISSION, STORM--
SOME GOOD NEWS, HANK...
...I'M THE LUCKY CONTESTANT.
ROGUE?!
SHE'S ABSORBED THE POWER OF NEARLY EVERY AVENGER ON EARTH-- IT'S TEARING HER APART-- THERE ISN'T A TERRIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME...
THE X-MEN DON'T NEED AN EXPLANATION-- THEY TRUST ME.
I NEED YA'LL TO GIVE ME YOUR POWERS.
GIVE ME YOUR SUGAR, SUGAH.



"--THE AXE IS MISSING."

I TRUST YOU, STEVE, YOU KNOW THAT, BUT PUTTING THE FATE OF THE EARTH ON A LONE MUTANT--

ROGUE IS AN AVENGER. AND I TRUST HER WITH THIS, TONY.

YOU SHOULD, TOO. LIKE IT OR NOT...

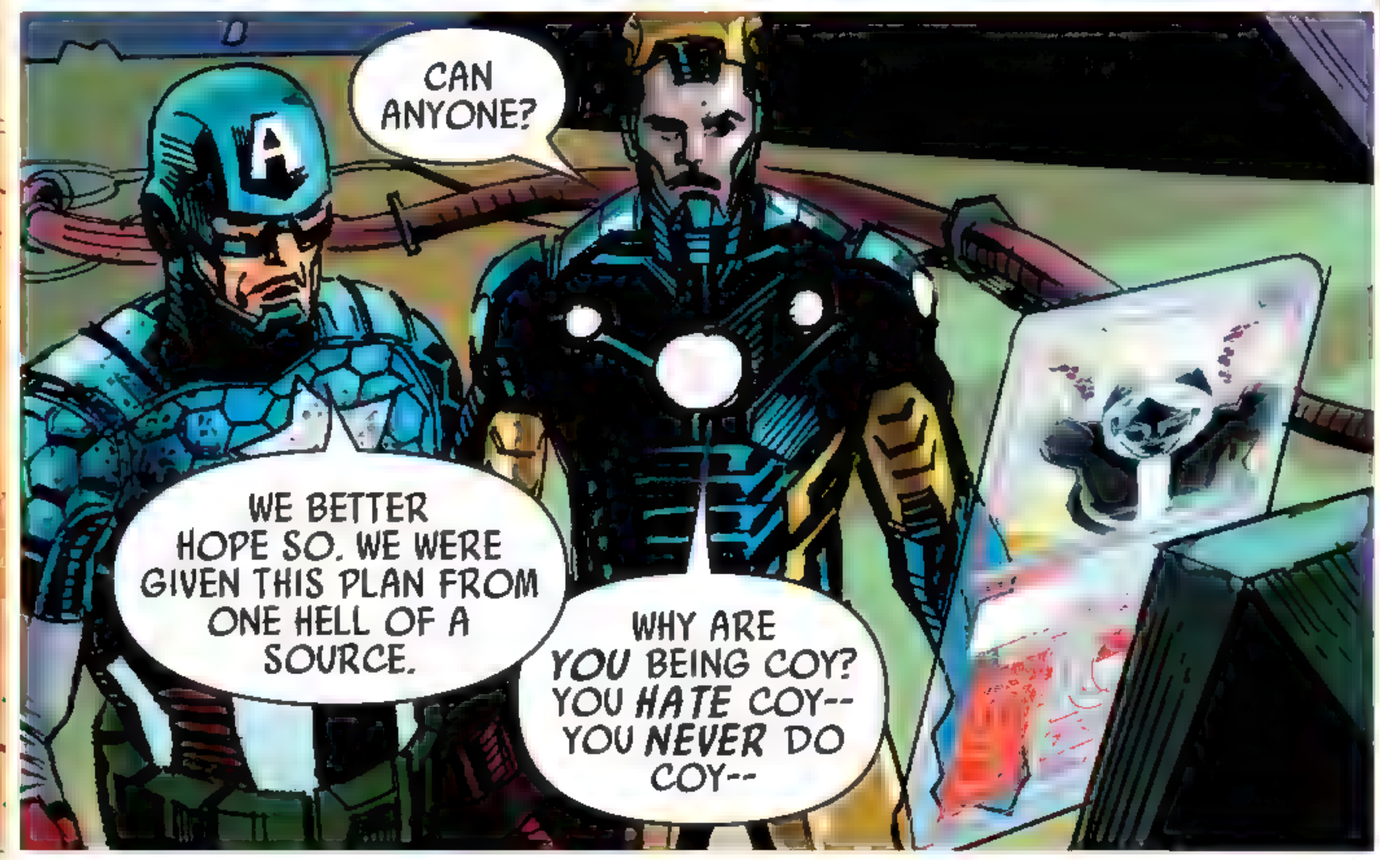
SOMETHING LIKE *THIS*, FATE OF THE WORLD ON YOUR SHOULDERS, TOO BIG TO DIGEST--

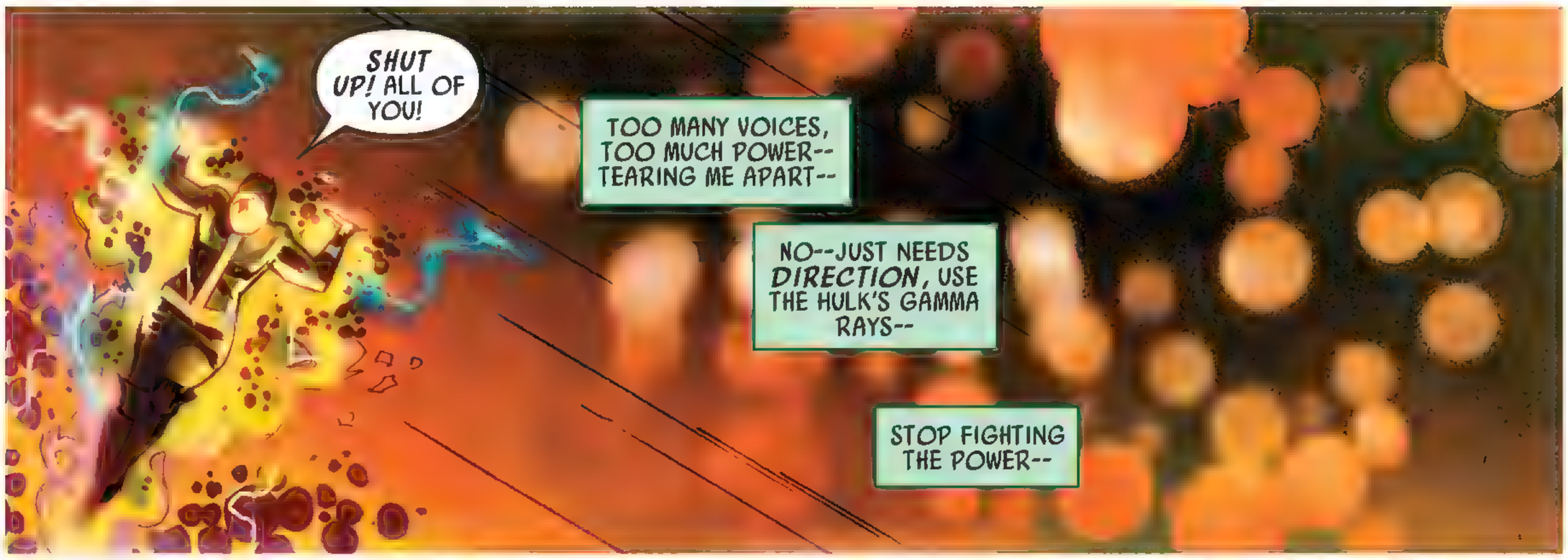
NO EMOTION BIG ENOUGH TO FEEL IT.

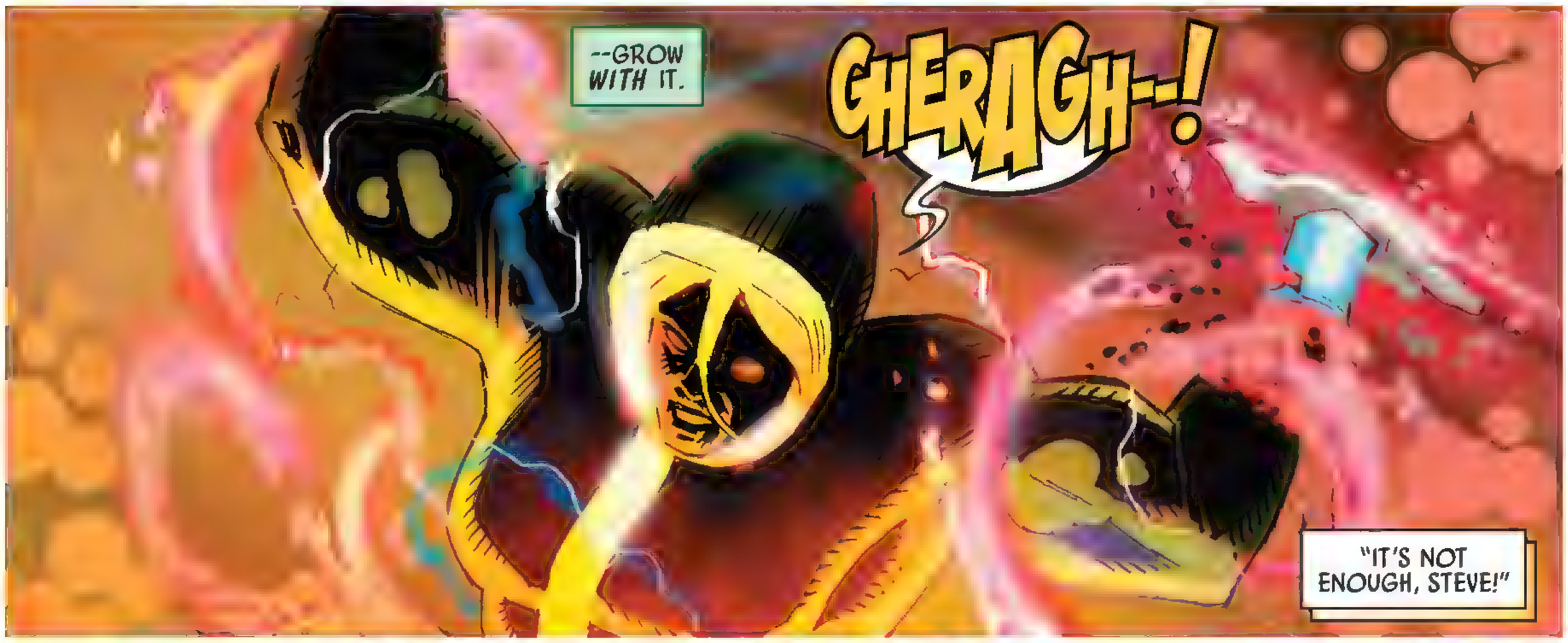
HUNDREDS OF VOICES IN MY HEAD, HUNDREDS OF MEMORIES--

TIME WAS I COULDN'T CONTROL FIVE POWERS AT ONCE--BUT THIS--THIS IS THE BIG TEST.

TEST OF *EVERYTHING* CHARLES TAUGHT ME.




SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU!
TOO MANY VOICES, TOO MUCH POWER-- TEARING ME APART--
NO--JUST NEEDS DIRECTION, USE THE HULK'S GAMMA RAYS--
STOP FIGHTING THE POWER--


--GROW WITH IT.
GHERAGH--!
"IT'S NOT ENOUGH, STEVE!"

EVERY HERO ON EARTH GAVE HER EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT--AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH.
THE CELESTIAL IS STILL SINKING DOWN, AND IN A FEW MOMENTS WILL BREAK EARTH'S CRUST.
I KNOW.

COME AGAIN?
ROGUE IS ONLY HALF OF THE EQUATION, TONY.
JANET, HOW ARE THINGS COMING ON YOUR END?
IT TOOK SOME DOING, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THOR CONVINCED HIM, CAP.
THOUGH I THINK, WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER...

WE'VE GOT A BIG PROBLEM ON OUR HANDS.

I AM THE HEIR OF APOCALYPSE.

I AM THE ANCIENT MARINER RETURNED FROM HIS JOURNEY WITH CLEAR VISION.

I AM THE PROTECTOR OF MANKIND--THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE CANCEROUS MUTANTS.

RIGHT ON, SENTRY.

I'D LOVE TO SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER AND HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR INSANE IDEAS--BUT RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO SAVE EARTH--FOR WHATEVER REASON YOU LIKE.

I WILL PROTECT MANKIND AT ANY COST.

KUDOOOM

GHRAGHAGH--!

"IT'S WORKING, STEVE!"

WHOEVER THE HELL WASP HAS HOLDING THAT OTHER FOOT--THEY'VE STOPPED THE CELESTIAL'S DESCENT!

WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO NOW, THOUGH? WE'RE JUST STANDING HERE, POWERLESS!

WE'VE SLOWED HIS DESCENT, HOW DO WE STOP HIM?

WITH A GOD.

I WOULD BARGAIN WITH YOU IF I IMAGINED ANY GAIN.

I WOULD PLEAD MY CASE THAT YOU ARE A PAWN OF A COSMIC SCHEMER.

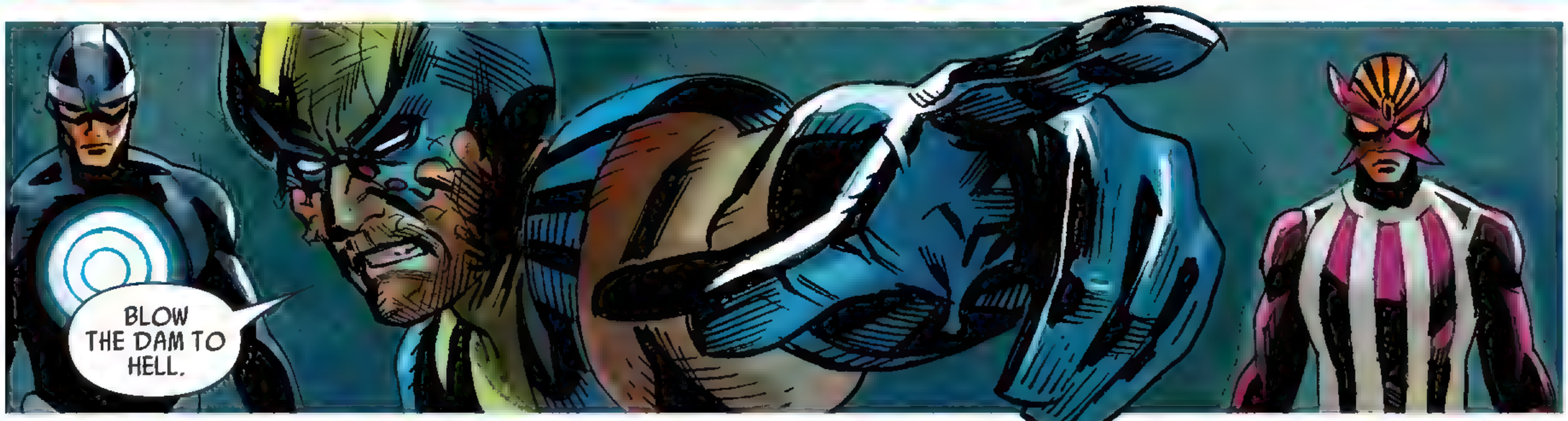
I WOULD INSIST YOU LISTEN.

BUT YOU WILL NOT.

FOR THERE IS ONLY ONE TONGUE YOU UNDERSTAND, EXITAR--

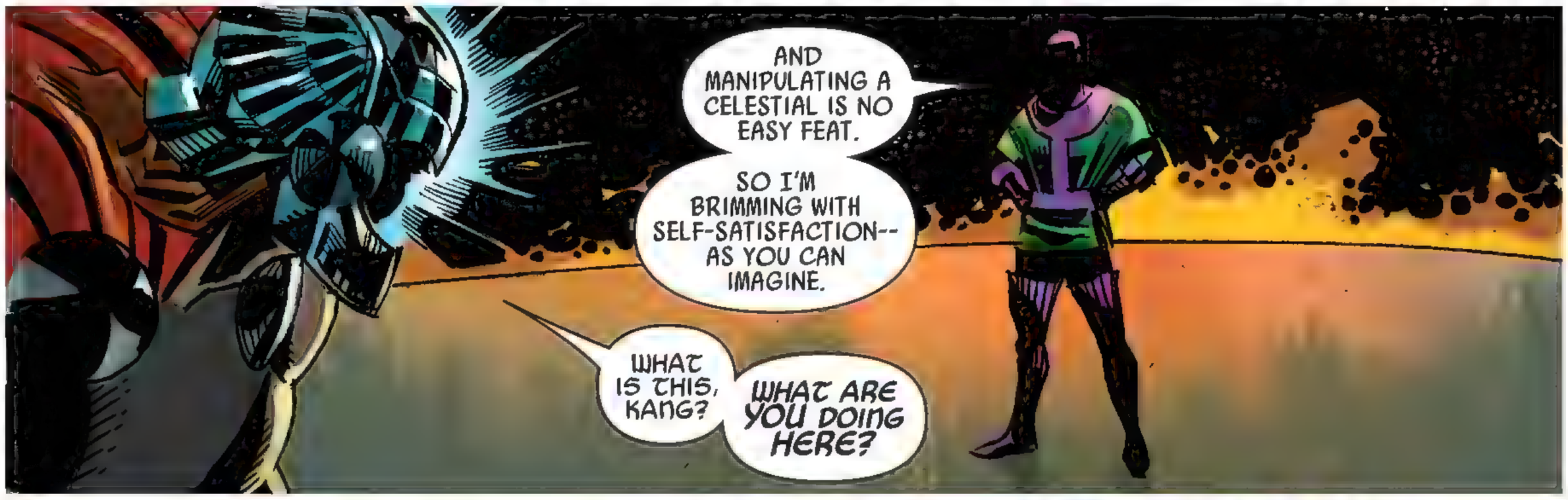
THE LANGUAGE OF EXECUTION.
A NECK WOUND TO BLEED YOUR COSMIC LIFE'S BLOOD.

GHA--THAT SOUND--! A GOD SCREAMING!
THOR'S STARTED THE UGLY WORK.
NOW IT'S ON US--WE GET ONE CRACK AT THIS.


BLOW THE DAM TO HELL.

KRAB00M!
"YOU WILL NOT TAKE LIFE TODAY--YOU WILL FEED IT."

I WILL TELEPORT YOUR GREAT ENERGIES TO FEED A DYING STAR. TO SAVE A SYSTEM THAT IS HOME TO TRILLIONS.
I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN YOUR DEATH--
IT WAS MY HUBRIS THAT SET THIS IN MOTION--MY HAND THAT CREATED JARNBJORN, WRECKER OF WORLDS.
YOU ARE MERELY A PAWN IN A GREAT GAME.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA...


AND MANIPULATING A CELESTIAL IS NO EASY FEAT.
SO I'M BRIMMING WITH SELF-SATISFACTION-- AS YOU CAN IMAGINE.
WHAT IS THIS, KANG?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

FINISHING WHAT I BEGAN.

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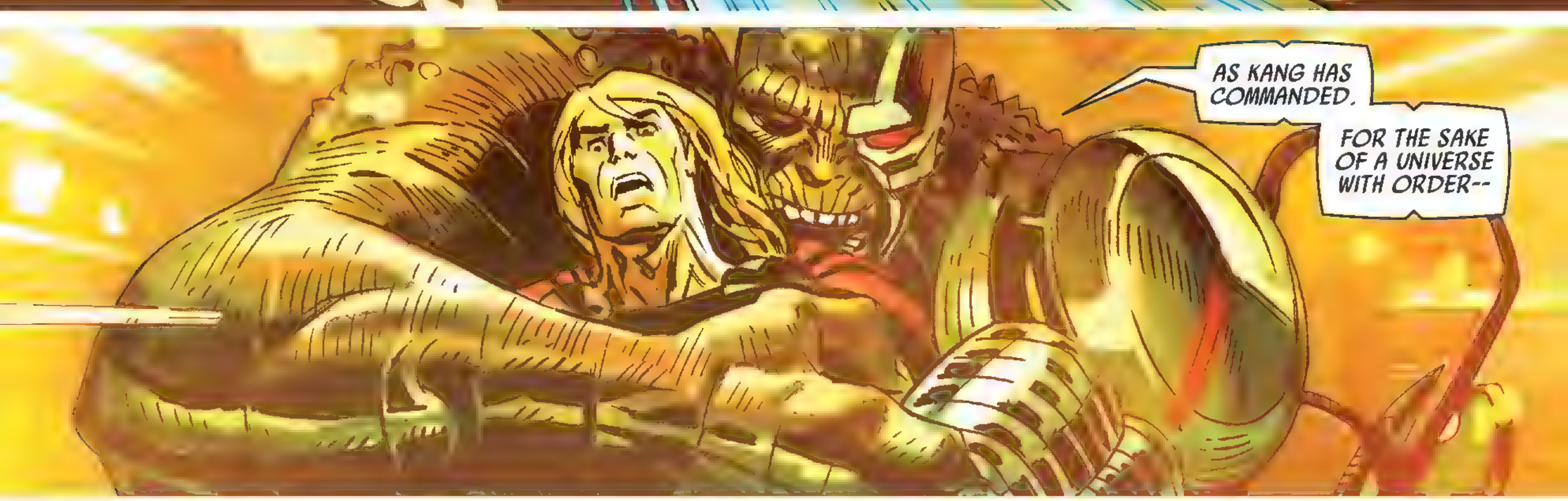
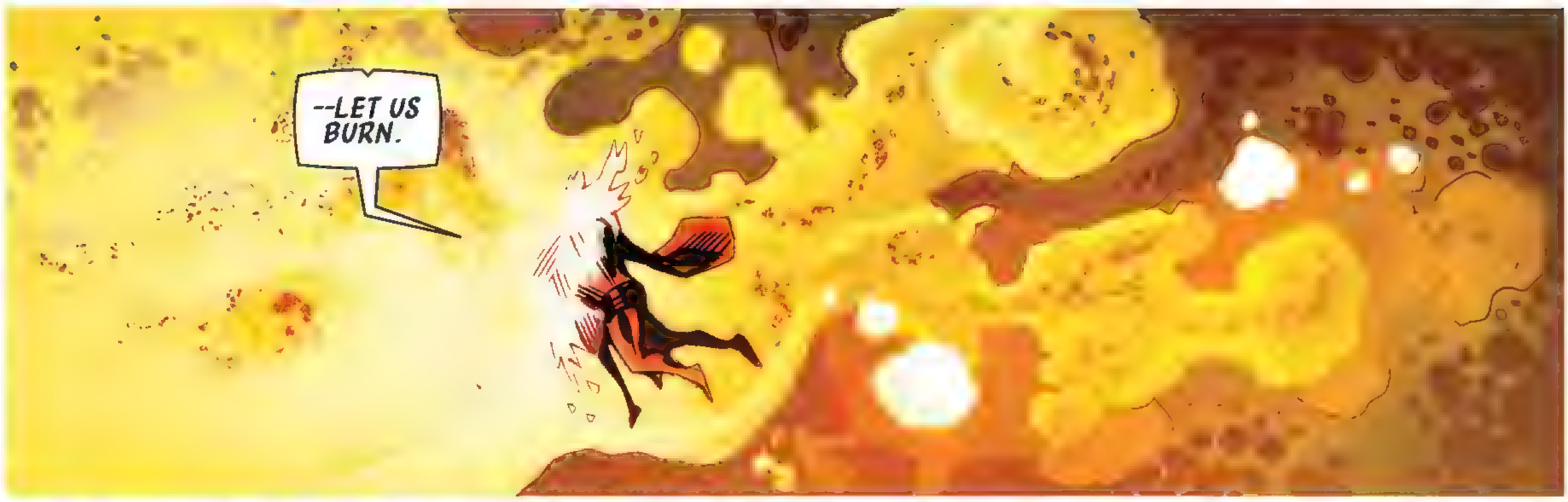
RELEASE ME, FOOL!
YOU WILL DESTROY US BOTH!


AS KANG HAS COMMANDED.
FOR THE SAKE OF A UNIVERSE WITH ORDER--


--LET US BURN.

=SIGH=
CAN'T IT BE A BIT CHALLENGING?

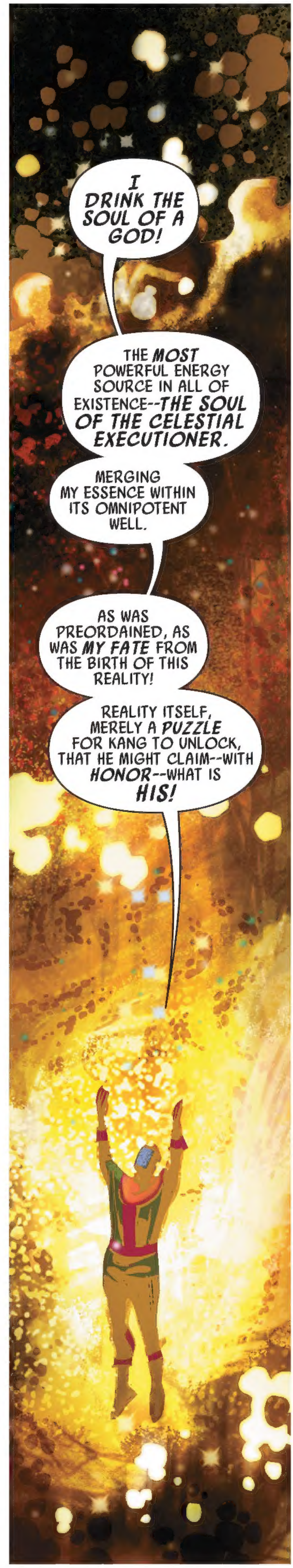
"MY KINGDOM FOR A WORTHY OPPONENT."
WOW.
THOR DID IT, STEVE.
HE CLEAVED A HOLE IN THAT DAMNED CELESTIAL!

BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF HIM. HE JUST... DISAPPEARED.
HE'LL BE QUITE DEAD BY NOW, I'M AFRAID...

GUESS WHO WILL BE JOINING HIM?

I FOLLOWED THE *TRUE* CODES OF HONOR.
GAVE THEM *EVERY* OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEAT ME.
YET KANG EMERGES *VICTORIOUS*.
WHAT BETTER SIGN THAT I AM FATED TO REIGN *OMNIPOTENT*, THE RULER OF ALL?
HAVE I NOT EARNED MY CONQUEST?
IT IS NO CHALLENGE TO CHANGE HISTORY AND TO *STEAL* CONTROL.
I HAVE MERELY TWEAKED EVENTS AND ALLOWED MY OPPONENTS TO DIE BY THEIR *OWN* CHOICES.

BUT THEY ARE OF *NO USE* TO ME *DEAD*. I TAKE NO PLEASURE FROM THEIR BONES ROTTING, FOR KANG IS A *CONQUEROR*, A *RULER* OF MEN.
MY PRIZE IS *SUBJUGATION*, MY CONQUEST *OBEDIENCE*.
MY JOY BORN OF THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES AS THEY SWALLOW THEIR LAST OUNCE OF PRIDE AND *BOW* BEFORE ME.
AND NOW-- MY PRIZE.


I DRINK THE SOUL OF A GOD!
THE *MOST* POWERFUL ENERGY SOURCE IN ALL OF EXISTENCE--*THE SOUL OF THE CELESTIAL EXECUTIONER*.
MERGING MY ESSENCE WITHIN ITS OMNIPOTENT WELL.
AS WAS PREORDAINED, AS WAS *MY FATE* FROM THE BIRTH OF THIS REALITY!
REALITY ITSELF, MERELY A *PUZZLE* FOR KANG TO UNLOCK, THAT HE MIGHT CLAIM--WITH *HONOR*--WHAT IS *HIS!*

THAT I MIGHT STAND--
KANG, CONQUEROR OF THE UNIVERSE.
To Be Concluded!

ZONE